

# The Blurb

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**Amateur Radio License Examinations** are held on the *first* non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—registration finishes at 6 p.m. doors close at 6:30 PM-*SHARP!*

## CLUB INFORMATION

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**Internet Web site:** <http://www.phil-mont.org>

**E-mail:** [info@phil-mont.org](mailto:info@phil-mont.org)

**2-meter repeater:** 147.03 MHz

**Additional off-site receivers:**

*Southampton—Center City—Lansdale—Broomall*

**70-cm repeater:** 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

**Simplex:** 147.51 MHz

**24-hour club information at W3AA:** 215-448-1139

## STATIONS

**W3AA** - (Formerly W3TKQ) The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I; Manager: W3STW

The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate it.

**W3AA** packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: [w3aa@w3aa.sepa.pa.usa.noam](mailto:w3aa@w3aa.sepa.pa.usa.noam)

**W3AA** e-mail: [w3aa@phil-mont.org](mailto:w3aa@phil-mont.org)

**W3EM** - Field Day and special events station - Trustee W3VVS

**W3QV** - 147.03 MHz repeater - Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

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## DIRECTORS

WU3I (00); W3RM (00); KB3IV (00); W3STW (01); W3BBB (01); N3MT (01); N3XKE (A)

## COMMITTEES

**Archives:** W3IIN; **Audit:** KE3OP; **Awards:** AA3EP; **Blurb folding:** WB3KOJ & WB3KOH; **Budget:** K3KUD; **Directory:** WB3KOJ & W3IIM; **DX:OPEN**; **Education:** W3CH; **Emerg.Coar:** N3XKE; **Field Day:** WU3I; **Internet:** W3IIM; **Membership:** W3LEN; **Net Control:** KB3IV; **Publicity:** W3RM **Program:** AA3EP; **Public Service:** AA3EP; **Refreshments:** W3AOK; **Repeater:** W3BBB; **Skywarn:** N3LCV; **Special Events:** N3WCO; **Sunshine:** WU3I; **Youth:** KE3ZY; **TVI:** W3VVS; **VE Program:** ND3Q; **W3AA Trustee:** WU3I; **W3AA Station Manager:** W3STW; **Welcome:** K3CJ.

## NET SCHEDULE

|         |       |        |                  |                             |
|---------|-------|--------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday  | 09:30 | 147.03 | MHzFM            | "Sunday Morning 2 Meter Net |
|         | 10:00 | 28.393 | (+ or - for QRM) | MHzSSB "10-on-10 Net"       |
|         | 10:20 | 3.993  | MHzSSB           | 75 Meter Net                |
| Tuesday | 20:00 | 147.03 | MHzFM            | CW Practice Net             |

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Jon Verlin - KA3VVU

05 Dorene Weiner (XYL N3LCV)

06 Holly Paulson - KA3MSJ

08 Matthew Adair - N3YAAQ

09 Susan Markowitz - (XYL N3IZZ)

13 Jon Balch - W3KG

15 Denise Burstein - KB3ANO

Karen Lenczynski (XYL KA3EIP)

16 Bill Sullivan - N3QMH

17 Eileen Weigand (XYL AA3EP)

18 Marion Bubeck (XYL K3GNM)

19 Babs Clayton (XYL K3HIE)

Bill Mescanti - K2LK

22 Benji Jack - N3VYA

23 Dean Spare - N3TAL

25 Ronald Johnson - N3ZO

27 Andrew Roomberg - KB3CWH\*

28 Gene Gadlin - K3YW

Bob Schmilewske - K3KUD

29 Joe Hochreiter, Jr. - WA3KTZ

30 Vira Johnston (XYL K3VXU)

Bill Kane - N3OOL

Josie MacKenzie (XYL W3RED)

31 Bob Duran - N3ZRR\*

Fred Reichert - KA3BET

\*Indicates New Member - 1999

**HELP PHIL-MONT** Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership? Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club... Mike Tannenbaum - K2BN for details.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE** With this BLURB you received your Dues Invoice & Directory Information Sheet. Please verify the information and return it with your dues and, if desired, an optional, deductible, club donation to: MIKE TANNENBAUM - K2BN - 545 Cardinal Drive - Dresher PA 19025...Your early reply will save the club additional funds and will speed-up the publishing of the 2000 P.M.R.C. Directory.

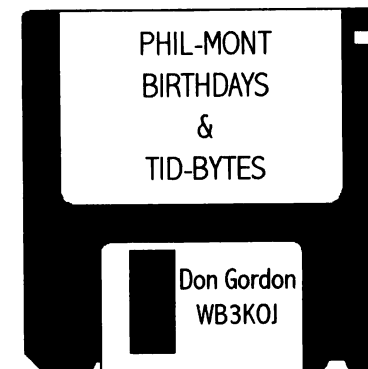
## 2000 LICENSE EXPIRATIONS:

JAN - NZ3O

SEPT. - W3ED, WA3CRM

OCT - N3KQH

**"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"**—for the courtesy !



**Membership Stats  
will resume in April**

## Membership Applications



**CALL:** KB3CYE

**NAME:** Theodore F. Hassell

**NICKNAME:** Ted

**CLASS:** T

**ADDRESS:** 2759 Kensington Ave  
Phila., PA 19134-6030

**OCCUPATION:** Retired

**HOME PHONE:** 215-425-4051

**BUS. PHONE:**

**E-MAIL:** Lastfh@juno.com

**PACKET:**

**COMMITTEES:** Emer. Coor., Field  
Day, Net Control Rep & Tech

## Wanted

10 meter mobile rig  
with antenna.

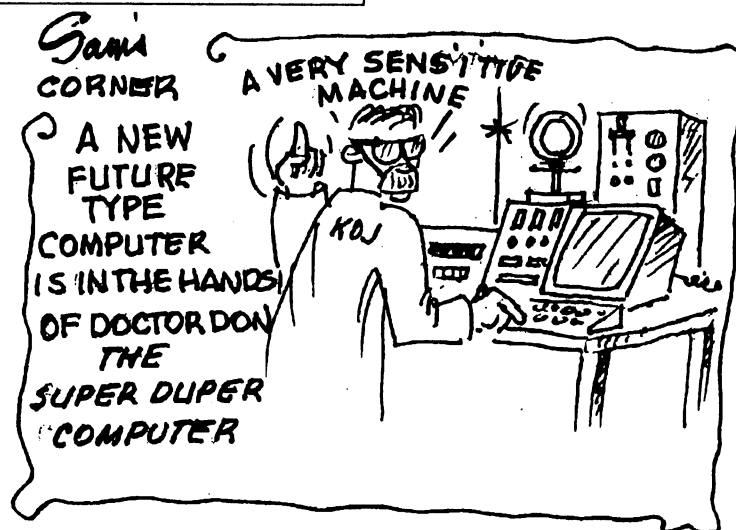
CB-to-10 meters converted rigs  
are acceptable. Contact:  
Mark Zaharchuk, WA3CRM  
610-354-6713 (work)  
215-232-6618 (home)

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meters and 70 cm. QSL via TA3YJ.

**MACQUARIE ISLAND, VK0.** Alan,  
VK0LD, is QRV on all bands. He will be  
active during the year 2000.

**HONG KONG, VR2.** The Hong Kong  
Amateur Radio DX Association will sign  
VR2K until January 31 on all HF bands.  
QSL via VR2XRW. (ARRL) n  
MACAO, XX9. Moto, JK2PNY, is QRV as



## The PREZ SEZ



**H**ello Phil-Monsters This will be my last Prez Sez. Bill, W3AOK, will be taking over the duties of keeping you up-to-date. I hope that our new Board of Directors take the responsibility seriously and will keep our club moving in the right direction. It looks like a good team if they just have the time. The main problem the club had at one time was that leadership would table things and not move on, our team corrected that problem.

I heard a few comments, by an unknowing member, at the last general meeting that I found funny. This member doesn't make many meetings unless he is speaking and has not made a board meeting in the 4 years that I know of, but insists that our team has done little. This is just not so! The Phil-Mont team of the last 3 years have done much for our club and luckily most of them are still on our club's leadership team. Members who make uninformed statements are not good for the club or ham radio in general.

Now, as I climb back down off my soap box, let me say that being your prez for the past 3 years has given me much pleasure and a feeling that our leadership team has done much to improve the club as well as Ham radio. While many of our members sit back and tell us how it should be, I note that they never want to help. One member in particular likes to come to board meetings and wants things done his way or judges people because of their lifestyle, but NEVER wants to do anything about it besides complain. The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club has a lot of very fine members from all walks of life. For our club to continue on into the next century we must ALL participate when and where we are needed. So when you are asked to help out on a public service event or pitch in with a club fund-raiser, help out! Or one day we will all be using the cell phone because there just will not be any Ham radio!

And now onto our Auction-Fest. It's this month! Spread the word! As we all said last year it was bigger and better then ever. Bring a buddy or car pool, but come on down to the Auction Fest! Clean out the shack and free up some dollars for some new gear. Bid on some of the things you just can't live without. Most of all it will be an enjoyable evening out. Now for the last BIG THANK YOU! This time it must go out to a few members! First Lenny, W3LEN our new VP. Len works with Donald and keeps our new members straight and the applications moving through the paper mill. This is hard work and takes just a bit of time. Len does a wonderful job. Second Steffie, KE3ZY. Steffie has missed only two meetings since becoming a member. Although the Youth Committee never worked out, she runs the 50/50 (yes, we can have that now that we are a 501(c)(3)

*see Prez Sez continued on page 9*

## UPCOMING

**January 12** Board Meeting and General Meeting held at the Franklin Institute. General Meeting will be the annual AuctionFest. Bring your equipment to sell and your money to buy. A good time will be had by all.

**May 20** the Chester County Challenge 2000, West Chester, Pa.

## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

**Charlie Welgand, AA3EP**  
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E-mail: aa3ep@aol.com

**Russ Stafford, W3CH**  
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THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE  
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AMATEUR LICENSE EXAMS HELD  
ON THE FIRST NON-HOLIDAY  
THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
For information call ND3Q at  
215-448-1139 or 879-0505  
accessible by the handicapped

Registration begins at 6:00 PM  
Doors close at 6:30 PM sharp

VE Test  
Locations

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must show two other types of ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 2000 test fee is \$6.65; there is no charge for a Novice test.

• **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**  
Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q  
215-879-0505 day, 215-448-1139 24-hours

• **BELLMAWR, NJ**  
Diane Nafis  
609-227-6281

• **BRISTOL**  
George LeNoir  
215-943-4886

• **LEVITTOWN, PA**  
David L. Heller, 215-946-1040

• **LINWOOD, PA**—(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)  
Russ Stafford, W3CH  
610-631-3401 x902

• **TELFORD**  
Joseph Burgess  
215-723-6697

• **UNIVERSITY OF PA**  
Jeff DePolo  
215-898-8538 shack, 215-337-7383 home

• **WARMINSTER**  
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ  
(215) 343-3494

• **WILMINGTON**  
Giselle Walls  
302-478-2757

174th Monthly  
Phil-Mont VE Test Session  
Statistics for December, 1999

Fifteen (15) candidates took exams.  
We had three (3) new amateurs with three upgrades.

The VE team was chaired by Dusty (ND3Q).  
Members are: Harold Goodman, W3UWH; Bradley Back, KB8PPA; Jim McCloskey, NS3K; Jeremy Mihalov, AA3SR; Pete Butler, WB2B; Bob Freer, W3YLT; Jeff Kerber, N3VE

Exam Dates for the year 2000:  
Jan. 6; Feb. 3; March 2; April 13 (second Thursday); May 4; June 6;  
August 10 (second Thursday)

## We raised \$1,508,245

Hello Committee members, Team Captains, Volunteers and participants:

Just a little note to share some good news. As of last week's week-ending report, the 1999 MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour officially has raised \$1,508,245. Thank-you all for your hard work and efforts to make this happen.

So, do you think we can hit \$2 million in 2000? We are game if you are.

Warmest regards,  
Kristine Segermark DelMonte  
Senior manager, Community Dampings  
National MS Sodiety  
One Reed Street, Suite 200  
Phila., Pa 19147

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40 meter CW.

**SOUTH KOREA, HL.** Choi, HL3IUA, has been QRV on 1824 khz at his sunrise and sunset.

**FINLAND, OH.** Look for "Santa," OH9SCL, to be QRV from December 17 to 19 on all bands and modes. QSL via OH9HNP.

**FERNANDO DE NORONHA ISLAND, PY0.** Iwao, PY7FT, and Nori, JA1WSK, will be QRV as PY0FT from December 21 to 28. Nori will concentrate on 20, 15 and 10 meters using RTTY and PSK31. Iwao will use SSB and SSTV. QSL via JA1ELY.

**TURKEY, TA.** Nilay, TA3YJ, and Berkin, TA3J, will be QRV from December 21 to January 21 as special event station YM2ITA. Look for their SSB on 160 to 10 meters, including 2

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# Happy New Year

The new millenium is beginning. I have been the blurb's editor for a little over one year. I thought this would be a good time to thank those who have helped me over this time. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the Blurb. When I asked people to allow me to invade their privacy and show their "Shacks" I received much help. Steve, WU3I and Al, W3STW have written their W3AA column every month, on time. Dusty, ND3Q always has the statistics for the VE testing sessions. Russ, W3CH, our outgoing President, has given me many ideas for articles and has supplied many articles. I especially want to thank Red, W3RED for taking over the secretarial responsibilities in 1999.

We start the New Year with new officers. I am glad to see that the Board will have some members who aren't collecting Social Security. I hope that they are successful and that other young members will run in the future. This was the first year, since I have been a member that the elections have had more than one person run for an office. It's a shame that not everyone could win. Each candidate was well qualified. With this quality no wonder we have such a dynamic club.

Some of the members have indicated they would like to help with the Blurb. I apologize for not contacting you in the past. Moving and family health problems have slowed me down. If any of you out there still want to help, please contact me. I won't forget you this time around.

I wish all of you and your families a healthy and happy third millenium.  
73, N3TAL

## DX

**SWAZILAND, 3DA0.** Andre, ZS5WPX, is QRV as 3DA0WPX. He can be found on 20, 15 and 10 meters SSB. QSL to home call.

**TANZANIA, 5H.** John, IN3GNV, is QRV as 5H3MG until January 15 using SSB and RTTY. QSL via IN3YYQ.

**NEPAL, 9N.** Lawrence, W8NRB, is QRV as 9N7RB mainly on 20 to 10 meters SSB. QSL to home call.

**TONGA, A3.** Paul, A3SRK, is currently QRV on 30 to 10 meters. He hopes to be active soon on 6 meters and the low bands.

**MOLDOVA, ER.** Special Event station ER2000A is active until January 20 to celebrate the new millennium. QSL via ER1DA.

**GUADELOUPE, FG.** Phil, ON4LCE, will be active on 80 to 80 meters including the newer bands, using SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as TO2000 between December 20 and January 3. QSL to home call.

**AUSTRAL ISLANDS, FO.** Einar, LA1EE, is QRV as FO0EEN, and has been found on

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## Minutes

### DECEMBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

*Art Weiner, N3LCV, Secretary*



Minutes were taken by Red (W3RED), Asst. Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM. The following were in attendance: Bob (K3KUD), Dick (W3RM), Russ (W3CH), Ed (KB3IV), Jim (W3BBB), Carol (N3PVO), Steve (WU3I), Rick (N3DHI), Bill (W3GQD), Mike (K2BN), Al (W3STW), Gene (N3XKE), Charlie (AA3EP), Natalie (WB3KOH), Don (WB3KOJ), and Red (W3RED).

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike, K2BN, gave a summary of receipts and disbursements.

**Secretary's Report:** Red, W3RED, read letters of thanks that were sent on behalf of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club to Chris (N3WCO) and Gary (N3WPE) for their extraordinary efforts in making our 50th Anniversary Dinner a great success.

**Old Business:** Dick, W3RM, explained our new 501(c)(3) status. This is rather involved.

**Membership:** Russ, W3CH. New members were discussed. New procedures for application for membership were passed. An applicant must be recognized at one (1) general meeting. He must submit his application with the initiation fee. He will then be published in the Blurb and voted on at the next Board meeting.

The following are new members:

David (WA1ZGE)

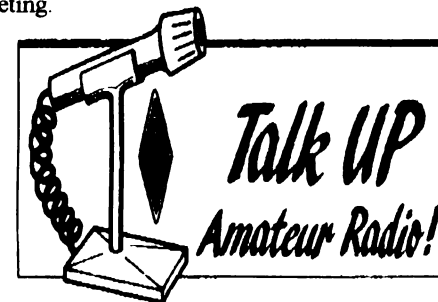
Roy (KC2FIO)

Tony (N3YNH)

Robert (KB3CPQ)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM at the home of WB3KOJ and WB3KOH. This was the last Director's meeting for 1999 and the last meeting to be held in a member's home. Starting with our January meeting all Director's meetings will be held at the Franklin Institute one (1) hour before the General Meeting.

**Note: VE fee has  
increased to \$6.65  
starting in January  
2000**



# THE W 3 A A REPORT

I recently looked back at the December 1998 report, that is when I was appointed W3AA Station Manager. At that time I outlined some ideas if carried out would keep W3AA a viable exhibit. Well the F.I.S.M. management continues to support the station and that is a good thing. However, though the F.I.S.M. continues their support there is no guarantee for the future. Keeping the station open the appropriate hours and adding hands-on equipment for the visitors to interact with is a positive contributing factor and helps.

Two ideas I had a year ago that failed to materialize are 1-getting more volunteer operators from area clubs and 2-conducting training sessions on station equipment. If any of you reading this can help promote getting volunteer operators from other clubs to pitch in, please. Regarding training I feel that we all have a particular console and mode we like best, but we are W3AA Docents and therefore need to know each W3AA exhibit.

Are we taking safety for granted? What do you know about equipment electrical and rf grounding?

If you missed the December 14, 1999 ceremony conducted by Bobbie and Adrienne, given in recognition for the service we W3AA operators have given to the volunteer program, you missed a good sit down dinner and gift. Special recognition was given to Russ (W3CH), Charlye (K3CJ) and Dean (N3TAL). Seasons greetings and 73, Al.

Internet: <http://www.fi.edu/tfi/exhibits/w3aa.html>

## Leading Phil-Mont into a New Century

Phil-Mont is entering the New Millennium with a change in top leadership, following three years of very significant accomplishments under the competent watch of our outgoing president, Russ Stafford, W3CH, and vice president, Charlie Weigand, AA3EP.

At the annual election meeting held on December 8, with 83 ballots cast, Bill Popovic, W3AOK, was elected President, and Len Hughes, W3LEN, Vice-President. Bill has served the club as President before, in the early '90's, during the renovation and recommissioning of our Franklin Institute exhibit station, W3AA. And Len has been serving as our able Membership Chairman.

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, ran unopposed to regain the Secretary office she held in 1997-98. And Mike Tannenbaum, K2BN, a certified public accountant, ran unopposed for reelection as Treasurer.

These four officer/directors will serve with the seven other directors, three of whom were elected to new two-year terms: Jim Spencer, W3BBB; Michael Taraborrelli, N3MT; and Al Tribble, W3STW. The new board has also confirmed one-year director appointments of Gene DiNardi, N3XKE, and Ed Masarsky, KB3IV, who replaces the Secretary-elect, N3PVO, for the remaining year of her former board term.

It is interesting to note that the directors-elect include a founding, 50-year member (Jim, W3BBB), as well as probably the youngest member ever elected to serve on the board (Michael, N3MT), who will endeavor to offer "the ideas, perspective and energy of a younger—but experienced—ham and club member."

We wish the new officers and directors well as they lead Phil-Mont into the next century. (W3RM)

### Ideal Company?

Can you imagine working at the following Company? It has a little over 500 employees with the following statistics:

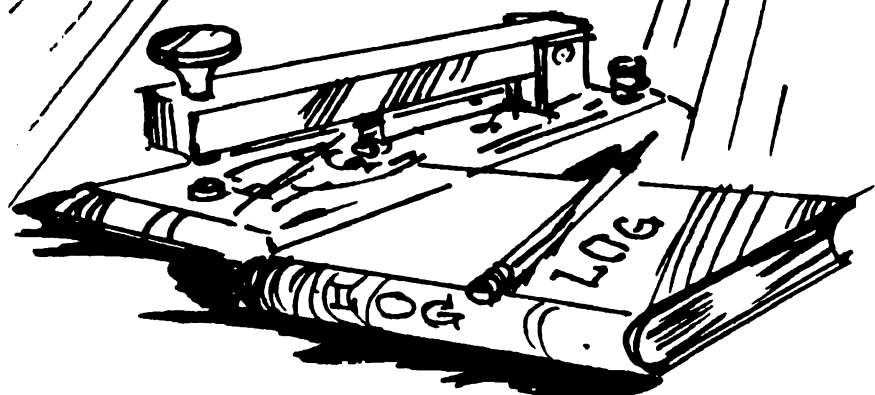
- 29 have been accused of spousal abuse
- 7 have been arrested for fraud
- 19 have been accused of writing bad checks
- 117 have bankrupted at least two businesses
- 3 have been arrested for assault
- 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad

credit

- 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
  - 8 have been arrested for shoplifting
  - 21 are current defendants in lawsuits
  - In 1998 alone, 84 were stopped for drunk driving
  - Can you guess which organization this is?
- Giveup?  
It's the 535 members of the United States Congress. (WB3KOJ)

PHIL-MONT

# Silent Key



Edwin N. Faye — W3RCE  
(4-26-28 — 3-29-99)

## Minutes

### DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Art Weiner, N3LCV, Secretary



Minutes taken by Red (W3RED), Asst. Secretary.

The 592nd General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club was called to order by our President Russ, W3CH, at 8:00 PM.

The following committees reported:

**Emergency Coordination:** Gene, N3XKE, asked for volunteers for Emergency Communications at three Philadelphia hospitals in case of power failures on New Year's Eve.

**Membership:** Len, W3LEN, welcomed four new members—

Roy, KC2FIO

David, WA1ZGE

Tony, N3YNH

Robert, KB3CPQ

Rus commended Len, W3LEN, on his fine job as Membership Chairman.

**Net Control:** Ed, KB3IV. We still need more help for the Code Net and the 75 meter net. Please call. Don't be afraid.

**Program Chairman:** Charlie, AA3EP, The program for January is the AuctionFest.

February's program is a surprise and in March we will have the MS150 Pizza Party.

**Public Service:** Charlie, AA3EP, Brian's Run, in West Chester, was a success. Approximately 1500 runners and 19 Hams attended. State Police helicopters, West Chester police cars, SUV's and bicycles helped the Hams blanket the course in communications.

**W3AA:** Al, W3STW, A new station may be constructed at the other end of the fourth floor, near the bathrooms and elevators. Because of the winter any antenna work, unless an emergency will be done in the spring said Steve, WU3I.

**Welcome:** Charlye, K3CJ, Thirty-six members and two visitors, Ted (KB3CYE) and Tony (KA3SVT), attended the meeting.

**New business:** Bob, W3NE, bob presented a resolution to honor the 50 years of service to Phil-Mont by Jim, W3BBB. A copy of the resolution is printed in this edition of the Blurb.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 and turned over to the Judge of Elections, Dick, W3RM.

The results of the elections are as follows:

President— Bill, W3AOK

Vice-President— Len, W3LEN

Secretary— Carol, N3PVO

Treasurer— Mike, K2BN

Directors:

Jim, W3BBB

Al, W3STW

Mike, N3MT



**NEXT YEAR'S HAMFESTS**

This information is just starting to be announced, so the following list is not complete!

JAN 30 + MD Mobileers ARC - Odenton, MD  
 FEB 19 Harrisburg RAC - PA  
 MAR 12 + Keystone VHF Club - York, PA  
 MAR 25-26+ Baltimore ARC - Timonium, MD MD State Convention  
 APR 9 Two Rivers ARC - PA  
 APR 30 Penn-Del ARC - New Castle, DE  
 MAY 6 Binghamton ARA - Owego, NY  
 MAY 7 + Antietam RA - Hagerstown, MD  
 MAY 28 Maryland FM Assn - West Friendship, MD  
 JUN 2- 4+ Rochester Hamfest - Rochester, NY Atlantic Division Convention  
 JUN 4 Breezeshooters - Butler, PA  
 JUN 10 + Columbia-Montour ARC - Bloomsburg, PA  
 JUL 2 + Murgas ARC - Dallas, PA  
 JUL 9 North Hills ARC - Pittsburgh, PA  
 JUL 16 + Mid-Atlantic ARC / Valley Forge Hamfest - Kimberton, PA  
 AUG 13 + Jersey Shore ARS - Bayville, NJ  
 SEP 9 Radio Assn of Erie - Erie, PA  
 SEP 23 + Buffalo Hamfest - Hamburg, NY Western NY Section Convention  
 73, DE Kay Craigie WT3P & Bernie Fuller N3EFN

+ indicates ARRL Hamfest

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# AUCTIONFEST

**Wednesday, January 12, 2000 7pm**

**The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club's Annual Ham Radio  
 AUCTION-FEST!**

**At the Sterns Theater in the Franklin Science Museum  
 20th and the Ben Franklin Parkway Phila., PA.**

There will be talk in: 147.03, 224.960, 444.800

There is indoor parking out of the weather.

We will have help to unload and move larger items to the stage.

There is no charge to get into the event for bidders.

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## Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Clinton R. (Jim) Spencer, Jr., W3BBB (ex-W3QQH) is a founding member of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Jim Spencer conceived, designed, equipped, and maintained a progression of state-of-the-art amateur radio mobile communications vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned vehicles were deployed by members of Phil-Mont under the spirited leadership of Jim Spencer to provide radio communications in real-life emergencies and for general public service, garnering for Amateur Radio and this club, widespread recognition as valuable community resources; and

WHEREAS, the confluence of repeater technology development and availability of adaptable commercial equipment was immediately recognized and exploited by Jim Spencer in the construction of a pioneer repeater system to improve 10 meter AM mobile communications predominately employed by Phil-Mont at that time; and

WHEREAS, Phil-Mont was in the forefront of the rapid migration of amateur short haul communications to repeater-based 2 Meter FM primarily due to the prodigious effort of Jim Spencer in seeking appropriate sites, designing, constructing, and installing equipment and, even today, selflessly maintaining the repeater system and continually incorporating improvements for optimized performance; and

WHEREAS, dozens of amateurs who otherwise would not have enjoyed the benefits of mobile radio, are able to do so because Jim Spencer diverted his personal time to install equipment in the vehicles of hams lacking the capability to do so themselves, thereby bringing enjoyment to those hams and adding numerous reliable mobile units to the Phil-Mont on-air community; and

WHEREAS, many new hams, travelers, and others who happen to come upon a Phil-Mont repeater are welcomed by the ever-present Jim Spencer with the utmost respect and patience, creating a positive image of the club and attracting many candidates for membership; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the members of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club extend their profound thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Jim Spencer for his fifty years of devoted effort on behalf of Amateur Radio and our club.

*(Editor's note: This resolution was presented at the December general meeting by Robert Thomas, W3NE and passed by the membership.)*

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corporation and pitches in everywhere she can to help out. To see a young lady take an interest in Ham radio and Phil-Mont is a wonderful thing. Third Charlie, AA3EP. Charlie, as our VP for the past few years has arranged for some wonderful programs like the KYW tour, APRS, and many many more. In fact, he will be helping Len, W3LEN in the upcoming year with programs. He is still best known for his work in public service both in and out of our club. He works very hard on the big events like the MS-150 City to Shore as well as the little ones like Brian's Run and everything in between. Fourth is Mike, K2BN. Mike has moved our club from Post-It Notes to a computer accounting system! He will serve our club well in the next year. Fifth is Al, W3STW. Al has done a wonderful job with W3AA and the Franklin Institute. Al is always there when you need him. Whenever he is asked to help he is right there. Sixth, Steve, WU3I. Steve is yet one more part of the core group that is always there when Phil-Mont needs something done. He is right there, ready to work and work he does!

There are so many members that help in the background that there is just no room to list everyone, BUT there are, I am sorry to say, many members who just don't come out and help! Think about where you stand in Ham radio and our club and whether you just sit back and let someone else do it or do you help? Well, as always I have filled up my space in the Blurb. I will be writing something for the Blurb as time permits and, of course I am always ready to help out in any way I can! Thank you very much for allowing me to serve you as your Prez for the past 3 years. It has been very rewarding!  
Very Best of 73 de Russ, W3CH

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| <b>2</b><br>2M NCS KB3IV<br>10M NCS W3AA<br>75M NCS W3PWG                         | <b>3</b>                                                 | <b>4</b><br><b>Code Practice</b><br><b>8PM</b><br><b>W3AOK</b>   | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>6</b><br><b>LICENSE EXAM</b><br>Session at<br>The Franklin Institute<br>Registration at 6:00<br>Doors close at 6:30 p.m.<br>sharp! | <b>7</b><br><b>First National Election Held 1789</b> | <b>8</b>                                |
| <b>9</b><br>2M NCS N3FTY<br>10M NCS W3AA<br>75M NCS W3STW                         | <b>10</b>                                                | <b>11</b><br><b>Code Practice</b><br><b>8PM</b><br><b>W3RM</b>   | <b>12</b><br><b>•</b><br><b>AUCTIONFEST</b><br><b>General Meeting</b><br>The Franklin Institute<br>Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.<br>Meeting starts at 7:30 | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>14</b>                                            | <b>15</b><br><br><i>Blurb DEADLINE!</i> |
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